## Resolution No. 846-2021

By Council Members Spencer, Gray, Polensek, Mc Cormack, Santana, Hairston, Conwell and J. Jones AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION

Supporting Women's March Cleveland and Women's March National for reproductive and civil rights on October 2, 2021.

FOR ADOPTION
September 27, 2021

WHEREAS, Women's March Cleveland will join cities nationwide, including Women's March National in Washington, D.C., to host a local rally at noon and a march at 1:30 pm on October 2, 2021, at Market Square Park at the corner of West 25<sup>th</sup> Street and Lorain Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this event calls on all women across racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, religious and gender lines, and their supporters to rally and march for reproductive and civil rights in the midst of the recent Texas court ruling against reproductive rights and the attack on Roe v. Wade by the conservative right and state legislatures across the country; and

WHEREAS, the Women's March will convene in cities nationwide to protest this controversial new abortion law in Texas and to fight against such laws appearing in other states; Ohio is at risk for such a proposed law that might be offered by lawmakers in its state legislature, as such bills have been introduced in at least six other states since this Texas law took effect; and

WHEREAS, the Texas law bans abortions after six weeks and does not exempt cases of rape or incest, and is considered one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the United States since the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion legal nationwide; and

WHEREAS, this Council supports the Women's March for reproductive and civil rights in Cleveland and nationwide; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety, now, therefore,

#### BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND:

<u>Section 1.</u> That this Council supports Women's March Cleveland and Women's March National for reproductive and civil rights on October 2, 2021.

Section 2. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure and, provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Mayor; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

/jho 9-27-2021

FOR: Council Member Spencer

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